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Jane Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney,

There has been a mix-up. It seems I am eating Genetically Engineered food that was supposed to be only for animal feed. Aventis Crop Science has made its own Genetically Engineered corn seed, modified to produce its own pesticide. Now that food is in my Kellogg's cereal.


I am told that the Food and Drug Administration says that GE foods are not a food additive to be regulated and that modified plants don't differ "materially" from non-modified plants. However, if they did not differ, why are the biotech corporations counting on such big profits because of differences in their patented seeds?

The U.S. government has failed to protect consumers, and has allowed a few big companies to place our global food supply on a dangerously uncertain course. Already 70 million acres of U.S. farmland are planted with GE seeds, and most of the national food brands can't guarantee that their products do not contain GE foods. The problem is that once these seeds are released in nature, we can never take them back.

I ask for you to require that:

- No new genetically engineered foods or products with genetically engineered ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all genetically Engineered foods before they go to market.
- All genetically engineered foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating.

Thank you,


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